

Hall of Fame Inductees

Engineering Heritage Queensland

Sir Bruce WATSON KB

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1928 - 2008

INDUCTED IN 2004

Bruce Watson graduated in Electrical Engineering from University of Queensland in 1949, following which he worked in the Tasmanian power industry.

He then moved to Townsville, Mt Isa and Agnew with the various operations of MIM holdings becoming General Manager of the Agnew Mining Joint Venture WA in 1975. In 1980, he was appointed Managing Director of MIM Holdings, Chief Executive Officer in 1981 and Chairman in 1983.

He was knighted in 1985 in recognition of his most distinguished service to Queensland industry and also received honorary doctorates from University of Queensland and Griffith University.

Sir Bruce remained involved with the University of Queensland, serving as a senator from 1990-1992, and following his retirement he was

elected to the King's College Council in 1995 where he was President from 1996 until 2000. During his period as President, the College expanded, and a new residential building was completed, and he was personally involved in raising funds for the new building.

In 2004, Sir Bruce was also made a Companion of the Order of Australia.

In 2006 he was elected Chairman of the King's College Foundation and was instrumental in the launching of the Centenary Building Appeal in 2007.

In his retirement years Sir Bruce was Chairman of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and his passion for charities extended to the Boy Scouts Association of Australia and the Queensland Art Gallery Foundation.